

KADUR DISTRICT.

i. Gonibeed in the Mudgere Taluk.

(This is also expected to serve the medical needs of some of the villages in the Hassan District as it is on the border.)

The cost of these five new dispensaries will be debited to the Malnad Improvement Budget.

3. The financial effect of this order will be as follows :—

SHIMOGA DISTRICT.

(a) Conversion of the 5 semi-itinerant dispensaries into Local Fund	Rs.
Dispensaries: Pay of Sub-Assistant Surgeon. Rs. 60 × 5	
× 12.	3,600
(b) Opening of 4 new dispensaries.—	
Non-recurring cost at Rs. 1,500 each	6,000
Recurring expenditure at Rs. 225½ each per mensem as detailed below.—	

	Rs.
One Sub-Assistant Surgeon (average) ..	63½
Charge allowance to above ..	20
One Compounder (average) ..	25
One Midwife ..do ..	25
One Dispensary Attendant ..	11
One Waterman ..	8
Dieting charges ..	5
Bedding and clothing ..	5
Contingencies ..	5
Country medicines ..	8
Europe medicines ..	50
Total cost for 4 dispensaries per year 225½ × 4 × 12	10,824

KADUR DISTRICT.

One new dispensary at Gonibeed on the above scale.—	
Non-recurring cost ..	1,500
Recurring cost at Rs. 225½ per mensem	2,706

HASSAN DISTRICT.

Conversion of the 2 itinerant dispensaries in the Hassan District into stationary ones on the following scale.—

	Rs.
One Sub-Assistant Surgeon ..	50
Charge allowance to above ..	20
One Compounder ..	20
One Dispensary Attendant ..	15
One Waterman ..	15
Contingencies ..	5
Dieting charges ..	5
Total cost for 2 dispensaries each year, 130 × 2 × 12	3,120

Grand Total ... 27,750

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REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Administration Report.

READ—

Letter No. G. 155—C., dated the 15th August 1924, from the Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore, forwarding the * Administration Report of the Department of Industries and Commerce for the year 1923-24.

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Recorded.

2. *Personnel.*—Mr. D'Souza was in charge of the Department throughout the year. The regular work of the Department during the year was affected to a certain extent owing to the absence of several officers from their work on account of deputation and other causes. Mr. S. G. Sastri, Industrial Chemist, was deputed to be in charge of the Mysore Exhibits at the British Empire Exhibition, the Industrial Assistant being placed in charge of the Soap

3. *Industries under investigation.*—Conditions during the year under review having been unfavourable to general Industrial Development owing to the continued stringency in the money market and the prevalence of distress in certain parts of the State, the Department devoted more time than usual, to the collection of information in regard to schemes that might be started when conditions become more favourable. More than 50 per cent of the items included in the programme of work for the year were carried out.

4. *Industries in general.*—In spite of the unfavourable conditions that prevailed during the year, several small industries with an aggregate capital of three lakhs, were started.

The year also witnessed the growth of private enterprise in several directions. The manufacture of alkali electrolytically has been started in the Bangalore Cotton, Woollen and Silk Mills, salt being obtained for them duty free. Six small carpentry and smithy workshops were started in Bangalore, Kolar and Hassan. In Bangalore, a Silk Filature of 24 basins with a capital of Rs. 50,000 was started.

5. *Large Industries.*—The erection of machinery in the new Minerva Mills proceeded apace. The Kadur Tea and Produce Company are reported to be making arrangements to start a Tea Factory in the Koppa Taluk. The Mysore Arts and Wood Works produced articles valued nearly two lakhs. This has enabled the Government Art Workshop to reduce its operations and concentrate its attention mostly on the production of articles of artistic value. The Match Factory, to which the Government gave certain concessions regarding the supply of wood, was floated during the year, with a capital of 20 lakhs.

The Yelahanka Tile Works could not start work on account of the Proprietor's death and the Mahalakshmi Porcelain Works could not be brought to the manufacturing stage as the expert left the concern. The Mysore Clay Works are concentrating their attention on the manufacture of wire-cut bricks and have not yet utilised the concessions granted to them.

The Mysore Tannery which had temporarily suspended its work re-started work with Messrs. Best & Co., of Madras as Managing Agents. The process of manufacture has been thoroughly overhauled and the leather now produced is reported to have considerably improved in quality.

6. *Industries under Departmental Operation.*—The Government Soap Factory manufactured soaps costing Rs. 1,21,500 and earned a profit of Rs. 19,747 exclusive of interest on capital. The expansion of the Factory sanctioned by Government having been completed only by the end of May, it could not be brought into operation before the end of the year.

The working of the Central Industrial Workshop resulted in a loss of Rs. 3,000. The Workshop confined itself to private orders and is reported to have rendered useful aid to local Industries. Proposals for the reorganisation of the Central Industrial Workshop are under consideration. The Art Workshop showed a profit of Rs. 274 and the Arts and Crafts Depot a net profit of Rs. 512-9-8.

7. *Weaving Factory.*—The Working of the Government Weaving Factory during the year resulted in a loss of Rs. 7,661. The management of the concern in the past has been anything but satisfactory. The several audit reports have disclosed a very unsatisfactory state of affairs and Government have to observe that the action taken to improve the institution has not been adequate. The question of overhauling the whole concern and placing it on a satisfactory footing is under the consideration of Government.

8. *State Aided Concerns.*—The Premier Metal Factory is reported to be passing through hard times and working at a loss owing to the limited market for the articles turned out in the Factory which seems to be due partly to high cost of production. The Tirthahalli Tile Factory, one of the concerns that had received financial assistance from Government, was transferred with the consent of the shareholders to Mr. Agumbe Venkataramiah on his executing an agreement for repaying the loan due to Government on certain conditions. As there was no likelihood of the shareholders of the Mysore Economic Union raising the further capital required to work the concern, steps were taken to liquidate it. Arrangements have been made for increasing the production of the Aryan Hosiery Factory but the progress in the repayment of the loan by its proprietor has been very slow in spite of the several concessions shown by Government. The Essentflour Products, Ltd., made good progress in the manufacture of essential oils.

9. *Assistance to Private Industries.*—In addition to one application pending at the end of the previous year, seven applications for financial help for the purchase of machinery were received during the year under report and all except one were sanctioned by Government. The total amount drawn from the Treasury during the year was Rs. 40,082 as against Rs. 41,996 in the previous year.

Due to industrial depression and unfavourable seasonal conditions, the collections were not satisfactory, Rs. 57,434 having been collected against Rs. 78,908 in the year previous.

The total amount advanced from the time the system of Takavi Loans was introduced up to end of June 1924, is Rs. 8,90,472 out of which Rs. 4,77,055 has been recovered.

matter of recovering the arrears and hope that better progress will be shown during the current year.

Exclusive of the large mills and factories, 460 concerns in the State are using power, of which 50 per cent is generated by oil, gas and steam engine. Two hundred and fifteen of these concerns have received financial help from Government.

Arrangements were made to introduce ribbon-making, tape-making and makki weaving on a factory scale and to train local men in cotton printing. A large number of Panchama girls are reported to have been trained by the Nuns in Bangalore City in lace making and embroidery.

Government consider that there is considerable scope for the development of Home Industries in the State and desire that particular attention should be given to this matter during the current year.

10. *Demonstration and Experiments.*—About 300 new fly shuttle looms and stays were introduced during the year and about 23 bobbin and pin winding and warping, sizing and twisting and other machines manufactured at the Weaving Factory and valued at Rs. 7,000 were sold. Demonstrators were as usual deputed to examine the fly shuttle looms in all the important centres in which they have been introduced. Interesting results are said to have been obtained from experiments carried on in testing new varieties of wood in the manufacture of furniture and ornamental articles. The Department also carried on experiments in the Textile Industry chiefly in connection with the utilisation of Filature Silk on the ordinary looms. The sugar installations at Channarayapatna and Hudi are reported to have worked satisfactorily.

A power drill for well-boring was purchased during the year and the Department rendered assistance to six landholders to sink large wells.

11. *Industrial Education.*—The Sri Chamarajendra Technical Institute, the Central Industrial and Art Workshops and the several industrial schools continued to give practical training to pupils. The syllabuses, etc., of the Industrial Schools were revised so as to make the instruction practical.

Eight persons were given advanced training and technical scholarships were awarded for studying Textile Weaving and Spinning, Bacteriological Chemistry, Dyeing, Painting and Engraving outside the State.

12. *Standard Weights and Measures.*—The progress in the manufacture of standard measures and weights has not been satisfactory. Although orders were passed in December 1922, for making arrangements for the manufacture of 10,000 sets of measures per year, for three years, the number manufactured so far is very much less than that prescribed for one year. Government do not agree with the Director that a good supply of measures and weights has been provided and that the time is ripe for penalising the use of uncertified weights and measures. The Director is requested to make early arrangements for carrying out the programme prescribed by Government, so that the supply of certified weights and measures may be sufficient to meet the large demand for them which will be created when the intention of Government to penalise uncertified weights and measures is notified.

13. *British Empire Exhibition.*—A provision of Rs. 50,000 was made in the Budget of the year for expenses connected with the participation of Mysore in the British Empire Exhibition. A preliminary exhibition of the articles selected was held in Bangalore in December last and it attracted considerable interest. The exhibits at the Mysore Court are reported to have attracted much attention and appreciation. Articles of the value of Rs. 15,000 have already been sold out of those sent to the Exhibition. Mr. S. G. Sastri, the Industrial Chemist and Mr. Annoo Mudaliar of the Art Workshop were deputed to be in charge of the Mysore Court. Two merchants of the State, Messrs. Abdul Khudus and Munibasappa, were also deputed by Government to visit the Exhibition.

14. *Trade and Commerce.*—There was a fall in the imports of cotton yarn and piece goods, coal and coke, wrought iron and steel, machinery, silk goods and salt and a rise in the import of rice. There was a general increase in exports of products such as jaggery, unrefined sugar, raw hides and skins, leather, raw silk, raw cotton, bones, oil cake, oil seeds, etc. The Director reports that the review of the external trade of the State for the past twelve years is under preparation.

Government observe that the work of the Department during the year under report was on the whole satisfactory. Government desire that side by side with the development and extension of new industries, the Department should devote adequate attention to the concerns already started, both Government and aided, many of which are at present in a very unsatisfactory condition. The continuance of some of these concerns in their present state of inefficiency and financial unsoundness is likely to have an arresting influence on the development of new industries.

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